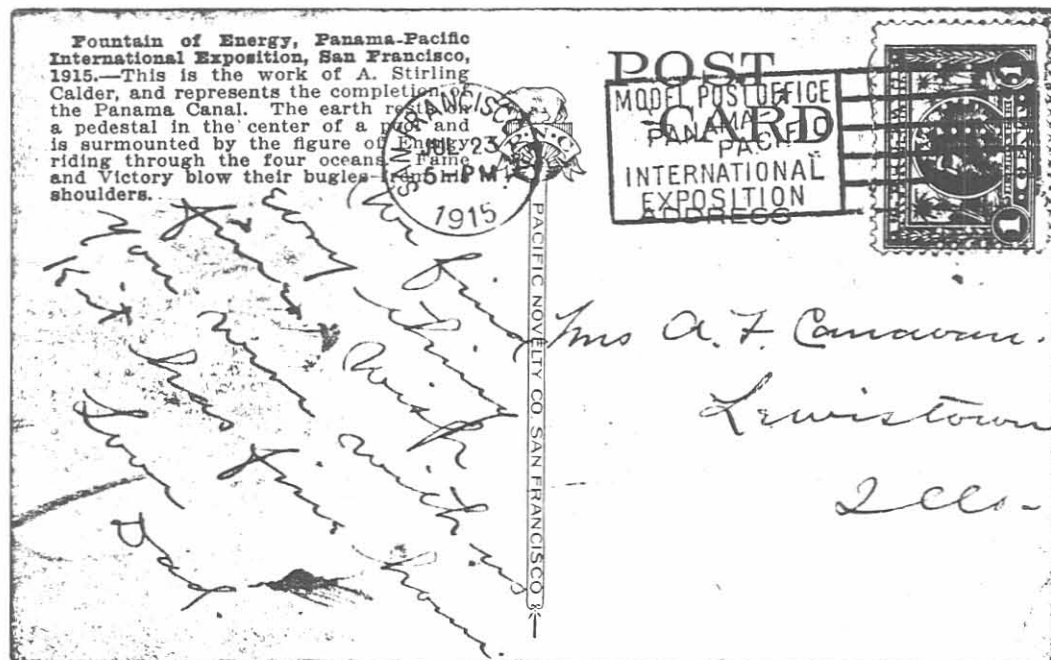


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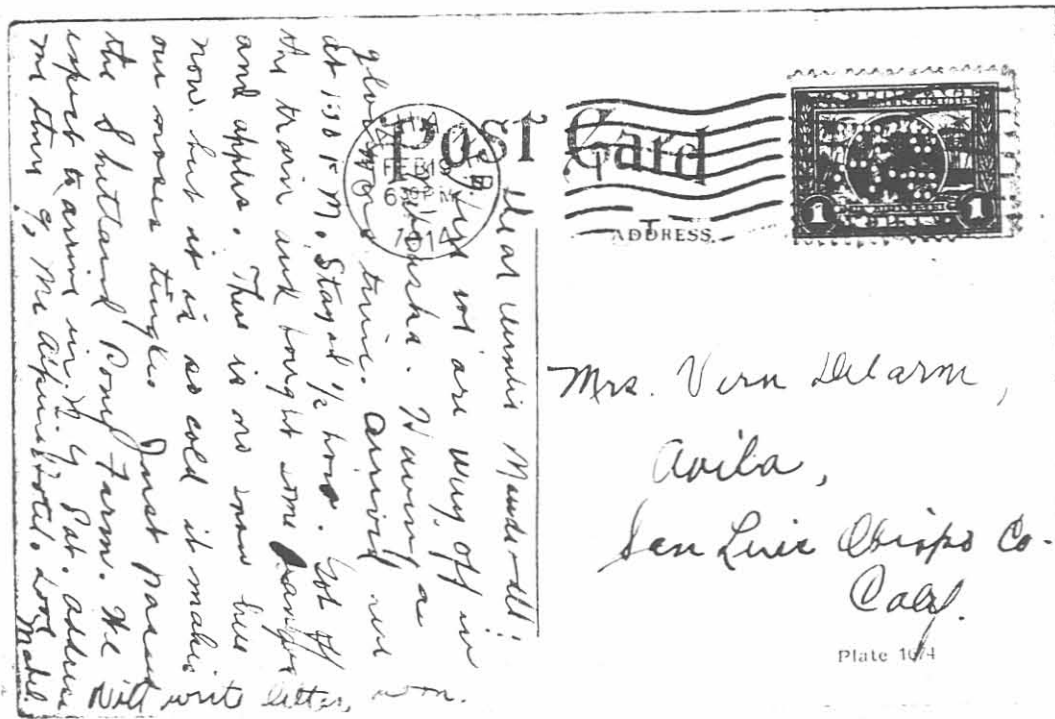


These two postcards cause one to sit back and wonder if perfins really did deter the theft of postage stamps by company employees. The first,

pattern P82 (Pacific Fruit Exchange) paid the postage on a card processed by the Model Post Office at the fairgrounds. It is highly unlikely that

this perfin and most likely this is a tourist souvenir post card of the fair. The writer, probably an employee of the Pacific Fruit Exchange, apparently took a stamp and used it at the fair on his day off.

The Model Post Office cancellation puts this card in the same category as Mr. Kisner's "other city" category of pattern P82 as described in the March 1996, issue of *The Perfins Bulletin*, p. 47.



The second card is even stranger. The Stamp has the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company perfin (pattern P188: PPI/ECO), but the cancellation /reads Omaha, Nebraska. This is the only illegitimate use of P188 I have found in over 25 years of collecting. The perfin in combination with

the previous card's Model Post Office cancellation would have been perfectly normal and expected. The card's message describes a cross-country train trip to New York City, with a half-hour stop at Omaha. My guess is that an employee of the fair on vacation used this pilfered stamp on the card.